

Appl. No. 10/035,320

Reply to Advisory Action of July 11, 2005, and in accordance with the telephone interview courteously granted by the Examiner on August 3, 2005

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated July 11, 2005, and in accordance with the Examiner's instructions in the telephone interview conducted on August 3, 2005. Claim 6 is herein amended in accordance with the Advisory Action, and Claims 1, 3 to 5, 15 to 18 and 20 to 24 are herein canceled without prejudice.

In the Advisory Action, the rejection of pending Claims 1, 3 to 8, 10 to 18 and 20-24 was maintained. In addition, however, the Advisory Action further stated that Claim 6 (and those claims specifically depending therefrom) would be allowable if rewritten as suggested. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claim 6, as directed by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that Claim 6, and its dependent claims, Claims 7, 8 and 10 to 14, be passed to allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, and pursuant to the Advisory Action dated July 11, 2005 in which it was found that Claim 6, as amended, distinguishes over the prior art, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified patent application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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